

ESSHB 2575 DRAFT implementation steps
Health Care Authority
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The Health Care Authority, in implementing ESSHB 2575, has developed the following set of tasks within the first six months of implementation to create and operate the State Health Technology Assessment Program (SHTAP). In developing these set of tasks, the goal is development of a clear, consistent, transparent process for evaluating medical technologies.

Identified Key Task	Proposed completion date
Initiate and maintain web site	April 1, 2006
Recruitment for Program Director initiated	April 15, 2006
Release of RFI for evidence based medicine (EBM) technology assessment entity or entities	May 15, 2006
Final selection of Program Director	June 1, 2006
Develop conceptual framework on how health technology assessment (HTA) process will flow <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of health purchasing agencies (HCA, DSHS, L&I, possibly DOC, and DVA)• Key stakeholder involvement	June 15, 2006
Convene key stakeholder meeting to gain ideas, input to development of program	July 1, 2006
Identify and initiate process for selection of evidence based practice (EBM) technology assessment entity (e.g., RFP?)	July 1, 2006
Develop process for recruitment and selection of health technology clinical committee (HTCC), to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recruitment and selection criteria, bylaws and guidelines of committee (e.g., decision making, chair, conflict of interest, etc.)• Advisory or guideline committees	July 1, 2006
Selection of EBM technology assessment entity or entities	September 1, 2006
Selection of HTCC	September 1, 2006

Please feel free to comment on these draft set of tasks through the link for comments on the SHTAP website. This document will be updated in July or August to reflect tasks accomplished, and to extend the timeframe through the end of the year.